

LOCAL NEWS.

To Advertisers.
Nearly ten thousand copies of the *Republic* are circulated among the floating population every day, besides the large number sold to regular subscribers. Advertisers will take note accordingly.

CITY COUNCILS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The Board of Aldermen met last evening at the usual hour in their chamber.
The President laid before the Board the following nominations, which were confirmed: R. S. Crockett, as by order of the Board; and T. B. Boswell, apothecary for the same.
Also, a communication from the Mayor, nominating John S. E. Jones, for Treasurer of Public Schools; Augustus Lewis, as assessor for first ward; and John A. Pearce, as assessor for seventh ward; which nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Moore presented a communication from F. M. Harvey in relation to improvement of streets with oyster shells; referred to the Committee on Improvements.

Mr. Brown called up bill authorizing the Mayor to appoint a corporation police, and stated that the lower Board demand a committee on Police.

The President appointed Messrs. Bailey, Moore, and Clark as committee.

A communication from the Mayor, nominating Harvey Taylor as clerk of the Northern Market, in place of J. M. Downing, was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Moore introduced a bill for the relief of Thompson Sheld, praying a remission of a fine, which was passed.

Mr. Brown introduced a bill directing the Registrar to withhold licenses from all applicants in arrears thereof, until said arrears are paid. It referred to the Committee on Police, with instructions to ascertain the opinion of the Corporation Attorney.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee on Improvements, to which was referred the bill of the lower Board to repair the Commercial Chamber, reported the same back to the Board; and it was read the third time, and passed. The bill appropriates \$2,000 for the purpose.

Mr. Mulvey offered a joint resolution of approval, approving the course of the Mayor in tendering the use of the City Hall to the Government for the use of the sick soldiers rendered homeless by the burning of the Infirmary, which was passed.

Mr. Moore introduced a bill for the relief of A. J. Joyce, which was passed.

Mr. Sargeant introduced a bill for the improvement of North Capitol street, between C street north and the railroad; which was passed.

Mr. Moore introduced a bill authorizing the erection of a stone wall on the north side of square west of square No. 623.

The following bills were approved by the Mayor:

An act making appropriations for the contingent and other expenses of the public schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1862.

Also, an act authorizing the Mayor to employ a company to occupy a wooden building erected by them on reservation No. 11.

Also, joint resolution authorizing the Registrar to issue a weekly license to King and Scott for equine exhibitions.

Mr. Sargeant introduced the following concurrent resolution, which was passed:

"Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to issue his proclamation, directing the people of this city to set apart and observe Thursday, the 28th inst., as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer by the usual religious ceremonies in their various churches and places of worship."

On motion of Mr. Magruder from the Committee on Public Schools, the nomination of F. D. Stewart as school trustee was confirmed.

COMMON COUNCIL.—A communication was received from the Mayor, announcing his approval of the act for the repair of Centre Market.

The report of the Superintendent of the Asylum was received and read.

Mr. Mohr presented a bill from M. McDermott & Brother, asking payment for repairs to the apparatus of the Columbia Fire Company.

Referred.

Mr. Mulvey presented a petition from Christopher Boyle, asking that a water main be laid on C street north, in front of square 633.

Referred.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition from W. Ward and others, asking that the condition of Second street west, near Pennsylvania avenue, be taken into consideration, with a view to arching the street at that point. Referred.

A bill from the Board of Aldermen, making an appropriation of \$63.51, to pay Wm. M. Ellis & Co., for certain castings. Referred.

The special order for the day—the contested election case of Bailey & Co. vs. the City—was taken up, and, after considerable discussion, postponed till Monday next, and made the special order for that day.

The Board then adjourned.

Selling Horses which had been Stolen.

A. Pence and E. D. Sines were arrested yesterday afternoon, by Officer Cronin, for selling horses which had been stolen. It appears that a Mr. Windsor, who had been in the vicinity of Alexandria, some three weeks since had a number of horses stolen from his premises. They were traced as far as Alexandria, where all clue to them was lost until yesterday, when one of the stolen horses, a bay horse, was discovered in the possession of a man named Braughton. The horse was immediately claimed by Mr. Windsor, who, before Justice Donn, proved that it was his horse, and gave Braughton immediately went in search of the parties from whom he had purchased the animal, who were arrested and brought to the office of Justice Donn. From the statements of the parties, it was ascertained that the horse, which, from the description given of it, also belonged to Mr. Windsor, had been sold to a Mr. Barry, who lives in the country, and further, that they had sold horses to other parties in Maryland, whose names they said they did not recollect. The parties were obliged to "fork over" to Mr. Braughton the amount of the bid paid for the horse, and to give security for a further hearing as to how the horse came into their possession in the first place.

The Militia Muster.

The muster of the District militia yesterday was very creditable, both in point of numbers and discipline. In addition to the various regiments of uniformed militia which assembled in various parts of the city, two companies of the National Guard, in full uniform, company A, Capt. Lloyd, and company D, Capt. Clark, the latter with a full band, were out on parade, both companies making an exceedingly fine appearance.

The Canterbury.

The work on the Hall is progressing finely, and everything will be in readiness to open on tomorrow evening. Most of the members of the company are already in the city, and all will be here for the opening.

In addition to the specialties mentioned by us yesterday, Miss J. W. Hudson, the beautiful vocalist, and the celebrated Wallace Brothers, the comedians of the Hamlins, will appear. The prices of admission are fixed at a low figure.

Attempted Incendiarism.

The dwelling of Mrs. Gardner, at the corner of Fourth and H streets north, was entered both on Saturday and Sunday nights. On the latter occasion, the parties, after helping themselves to all the eatables found in the kitchen, set fire to the premises in two places on the floor, but, fortunately, without doing any damage.

To the Editor of the National Republican.

Sir: In your local columns of yesterday, under the caption of "Extraordinary Law Making," you criticize, as an absurdity, the decision of a justice of the peace in this city in a civil action, viz: That the effects of a firm are not responsible for the debts contracted by an individual member of the firm, (during its existence) when it was admitted that no indebtedness existed against the firm. It would be well for the community to know who is the justice referred to in this extraordinary decision, and to see if he is a member of the firm.

For the information of "Public," we have only to answer that Justice Murphy was the functionary alluded to.

THE METROPOLITAN RAILROAD.

At a meeting of the Georgetown city council, on Friday evening last, a resolution was passed authorizing the sale of the stock of the Metropolitan Railroad, owned by the corporation, to a New York company, which proposes to buy all the stock, and proceed at once to build the road. They propose, it is stated, to extend the line through Frederick city and Hagerstown, Maryland, and to effect a junction with the Pennsylvania Central; also, to construct several branch roads for army purposes.

We hear, also, that the company is purchasing all the shares in the Metropolitan Railroad held by individuals.

Miss Josephine Chestney.

This talented young lady, who achieved so great a triumph at the Theatre on Friday evening last, has been presented, by Manager Bland, with a handsome and costly pair of gold bracelets, obtained from the establishment of Galt & Bro., of this city. We also hear that Miss C. is again to appear at the Theatre here in the course of a few weeks.

Deaths of Soldiers.

The following soldiers died yesterday: John Henderson, Co. E, Third regiment Excelsior Brigade, at Union Hotel.

Stewart Irwin, Co. D, First regiment Excelsior Brigade, at Columbian College.

Orville Allen, Co. A, Seventh Maine regiment, at the Epiphany Hospital.

Two soldiers whose names could not be ascertained, at Camp Griffin, Va., Gen. Smith's division.

Geat Alley, Again.

Patrolman Noonan made a descent upon a house in Geat Alley on Sunday, and arrested Martha Butler and Louisa Brooks, on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. They were both sent to jail by Justice Donn.

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Case of Pocket Picking.

Edward Crosby, a private in the Michigan Cavalry, was arrested, last night, by Officers Lynch and Walling, on the charge of having picked the pocket of James R. Baylor, a private in the Sixth New York regiment, of a pocket-book containing about \$50 in money.

The offence is alleged to have taken place in the restaurant under the St. Charles Hotel. Upon being arraigned before Justice Donn, he was sent to jail for court.

Camp Tents.

The inventive genius of the American people is without end, and the war now raging between the two sections has given a fresh impetus to it in the invention and manufacture of everything conducive to the comfort of the brave defenders of their country, thereby softening the rigors and inconveniences of camp-life, as well as in the invention of appliances to damage the cause of their enemies.

In front of the War Department, there are no less than fifteen different samples of canvass tents, the invention of each, was supposed, claiming a superiority for his own invention, over that of his neighbor. There are also several wooden sheds, designed for the quartering of troops during the winter, besides numerous smaller models intended for the same purpose.

The White House.

The White House has undergone a very thorough renovation. Some very important improvements have been made, especially in the salivary department, and the principal rooms have all been papered and painted. Mrs. Lincoln has been in Boston for a few days, but will return during the present week.

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The Cry is, Still they Come!

And all we can hear is, "War! war! war!" But, for my part, I am tired of the old story of War. Oh! Mrs. Brown, have you heard the news? Well, just received a new stock of FALL CLOTHING of every description, and he offers to sell them at low prices. They say he has a stock of selling his goods at lower rates than any other store. How he does it, I do not know. But he can't out your boys with nice CLOTHING. At a remarkably low price. I advise all to call at SMITH'S, No. 307 Seventh street, opposite Post Office, and look at his new stock, and they will be convinced that what Mrs. Jones said, is so.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

From Fortress Monroe.

Fortress Monroe, Nov. 10.—The steamer S. R. Spaulding arrived this morning from Hatteras Inlet, with the Twentieth Indiana regiment.

A deserter had reached Hatteras Inlet in a small boat, and stated that news had been received on the 21st of the capture of the rebel forts at Port Royal by the Federal fleet, and the landing there of a large force of national troops. Also, that the town of Beaufort had been captured by our troops.

No particulars of these movements have reached here, but the main statements of the deserter correspond with the news received a few hours since from Norfolk by a G. of true.

The greatest excitement prevailed there on the reception of the news.

From the same source we have a rumor that the Charleston and Savannah railroad, which has been running since the capture of the town of our troops, together with an immense quantity of stores.

Five deserters who reached Newport News this morning, also bring corroborating statements of the above news. They report that the rebels up James River are in consternation at the tidings from the South; and they also bring an improbable rumor that our troops had advanced up the railroad as far as Charleston.

The French frigate *Cambria* was burnt at the water's edge on Friday night last off Hatteras. All hands were saved.

The captain of the United States gunboat *Albatross*, just arrived from the blockade off Beaufort, North Carolina, reports that he discovered the steamer *Union* ashore on the 6th instant, about eight miles to the eastward of Hatteras Inlet, but on account of the heavy weather he had no communication with the steamer until the following day, when he landed with a flag of truce, and learned from the captain of a Confederate company that the *Union* went ashore to keep the peace.

The sinking condition on the 1st instant, and soon after broke in two in front of her smoke stack. The crew, seventy-three in number, and fifteen officers, were saved. The men are now, as before reported, prisoners at Fort Mifflin and Raleigh, N. C.

A quantity of stores, hay, &c., saved from the wreck, was piled up on the beach. In the wreck, the *Union* was found, and another small transport, was in company with the *Union*, and the captain of the latter is apprehensive she was lost, as she suddenly disappeared without any trace.

Nothing is known concerning the rumored loss of the *Ocean Express*. No tidings to warrant the report have been received. There are rumors of three Federal vessels having gone ashore in the harbor, but nothing definite is known but what is above stated.

The Fight at Belmont.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—A special dispatch to the Times from Cairo, says it is impossible to obtain anything like an accurate report of the killed, wounded and missing in the engagement at Belmont on the 7th.

It is estimated that twenty-five of the Twenty-second Illinois were killed or missing.

The total missing are reported at three hundred and fifty.

Of the Seventh Iowa, Col. Lauman was wounded, but not dangerously.

Col. Wendell killed; the major and adjutant are missing, and the reported killed in Logan's regiment is 35, and 47 wounded.

All but 44 of Col. Foulke's regiment answered at the roll call, yesterday morning. It is estimated that the loss in Buford's regiment has not been ascertained, but is supposed to be heavy.

One hundred and twenty prisoners were taken.

All accounts concur in placing the rebel loss much heavier than our own.

Belmont has been abandoned by the rebels. They have 150 prisoners, and acknowledged 500 killed, but the Federal officers who went to Columbus with the flag of truce, yesterday, to visit the place to which they conveyed their dead.

The Chicago Tribune of Friday has the following additional particulars:

"Thirtieth regiment, Col. Foulke—100 missing. Major McClellan was wounded and taken prisoner. Captain Markley was killed when gallantly leading his men across a river. He was shot and fell at the feet of his colonel. Lieut. Dottery, of company K, was shot in the breast, but continued to fight; but was afterwards killed by a ball in the head. He was a brave and gallant soldier. He refused to leave his wounded, and remarked that he would suffer death before he would leave his men."

Twenty-first regiment, Colonel John A. Logan's Company A, Captain Brown, about 30 of his men are missing. Company B, Capt. Coen, 6 missing, 2 wounded, 79 brought home. Company C, Captain Laing, badly wounded in the breast. Private Henry Brown, who says he has a stock of selling his goods at lower rates than any other store. How he does it, I do not know. But he can't out your boys with nice CLOTHING. At a remarkably low price. I advise all to call at SMITH'S, No. 307 Seventh street, opposite Post Office, and look at his new stock, and they will be convinced that what Mrs. Jones said, is so.

Company D, Captain Williams, 2 killed, 1 wounded, and 5 missing. Company E, Captain Laing, 2 killed, 4 wounded, and 15 missing. Company F, Captain Right, 10 killed, 10 wounded, and 10 missing. Captain Right was struck by a spent grape shot, and is supposed to be captured. Lieutenant Strickland slightly wounded. Company G, Captain Brown, 30 missing, and many wounded. Company K, Capt. Sommerfeld, 3 killed and 4 wounded. Capt. S. was shot in the head, and taken prisoner. Assistant-Surgeon Whitely was taken prisoner while attending the wounded on the battlefield.

Lieut. Col. White had five balls pass through his clothing, and 40 horses and mules. It is reported that Capt. Shelton is killed. Lieut. Smith is killed, and four of his company are missing.

Gen. Grant had two horses shot from under him, and Gen. McClellan's horse was also twice badly wounded.

Of Capt. Taylor's Chicago Artillery, Orderly C. A. Everett is slightly wounded. Sergeant Chase, flesh and blood, was shot in the right hand shot off by premature discharge of gun. No cannon were lost.

The rear portion of two cannons had to be abandoned, and were recovered by the capture of two guns, one a twelve pounder, and the other a fifty-four pounder. It was many factured by John Clark, of New Orleans, and is a beautiful piece. Both belonged to Watson's New Orleans battery.

A letter was found written by one of the officers out down, declaring that Watson's battery was the best company in Johnston's army.

Colonel Cook's regiment, 2nd Iowa, lost the Twenty-eighth, who marched from Fort Holt to within six miles of Columbus, returned at one o'clock last night.

An expedition which left Paducah for Columbus has also returned.

LATER—ELEVEN P. M.

The Memphis has just returned. She brings the bodies of Lieutenant Colonel Wendt, Lieutenant Sulley, who died on board, Captain Markley, of the Thirtieth, and Lieutenant C. Gardner, company I, Seventh Iowa, fatally wounded.

Major McClellan is shot badly in the head, and it is thought he will die.

Surgeons Gordon and Whetnell are prisoners on parole at Columbus.

Eighty-five of our dead were buried by our people; eight or ten had been given up by the rebels, in mistake for their own men. They expected a flag of truce.

Captain Brooks, of Buford's regiment, found a broken sword in the battlefield. He was a surgeon in the rebel army.

From St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 8.—[Special dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]—General Fremont has been reported to Washington by letter, and it is believed that he will remain in St. Louis for the present.

Members of Fremont's staff say that General Price left Neosho on Tuesday morning. He has gone south, and it is now believed that the rebels seen about Wilson's Creek only consisted of the best regiments of cavalry, and sent there to deceive us.

No man or woman about Springfield could be found to say that they had seen Ben. McCulloch in weeks; while many could assert positively that he was dead. The belief is general among staff officers that Ben is dead.

Jim Lane, when he heard of Fremont's removal, made the remark that the Government had better turn the contract over to him to clean out the rebels. He said he would agree to do the job with 15,000 men, if the Government would only furnish transportation.

Commodore Fiske and Porter, chief of the river naval forces, now in this city, condemn the action of the military authorities in regard to the affair at Belmont, in bringing the gunboats into action without their knowledge.

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